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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MEDICAL CANNABIS INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE ITS WORK TO ADDRESS THE COMPLEXITIES SURROUNDING MEDICAL CANNABIS REIMBURSEMENTS BY HEALTH INSURANCE.

1 WHEREAS, medical cannabis is a valuable tool for health
2 care providers when treating multiple disorders and diagnoses
3 including but not limited to cancer, glaucoma, epilepsy,
4 multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus; and
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6 WHEREAS, unlike other medications used to treat these
7 illnesses, medical cannabis is not covered by health insurance;
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10 WHEREAS, for many people, especially the disabled,
11 chronically ill, or elderly living on fixed incomes, insurance
12 coverage is the primary means of paying for necessary
13 medications; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Medical Cannabis Insurance Reimbursement
16 Working Group (working group) was established by Act 161,
17 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to examine the complexities
18 surrounding the topic of making medical cannabis reimbursable by
19 health insurance; and
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21 WHEREAS, the working group submitted a report on its
22 findings for the Regular Session of 2019 but, due to the
23 complexity of the issue, work remains to be done; now,
24 therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
27 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
28 Representatives concurring, that the Medical Cannabis Insurance
29 Reimbursement Working Group (working group) is requested to
30 continue its work to address the complexities surrounding
31 medical cannabis reimbursements by health insurance; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to provide periodic updates to the Legislature and make recommendations for any legislative or administrative action the working group deems appropriate to address issues relevant to health insurance reimbursement for medical cannabis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a final report, including recommendations for further action, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Insurance Commissioner, and Administrator of the Med-Quest Division of the Department of Human Services.

OFFERED BY:













